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The reply filed on March 26, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Claims 7-17 and 22-34 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1-6 and 18-21 were previously cancelled.

Applicant has failed to properly elect the species drawn to the elected invention. Claim 12 requires at least three enzymes wherein the third enzyme is NADH. Applicant has stated that Claims 10-11 and 34 read on the elected invention. However, claim 34 requires at least three immobilized enzymes which includes NADH immobilized on the electrode. Therefore, it appears that the election is not commensurate in scope with the claimed species election as elected two enzymes. In addition, there is an issue whether claim 34, which was not originally presented, is patentably distinct from the electrode which is patentably different from that of the claimed apparatus of claim 34 which further contains an oxygen separation membrane that is not required by the electrode. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lilling whose telephone number is 571-272-0918 and Fax Number is 571-273-8300. or SPE Jon Weber whose telephone number is 571-272-0925. Examiner can be reached Monday-Friday from about 7:30 A.M. to about 7:00 P.M. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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